PENSACOLA: A LOGICAL POINT FOR MANUFACTURE OF IRON AND STEEL

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relation to the manufacture of iron and steel that Gary, Indiana, does; for the reason that Pensacola has like advantages to those possessed by Gary; and the factors that have made Gary a manufacturing center for iron and steel will do the same for Pensacola, if her advantages are properly adver-

The first factor in the upbuilding of Gary is its location on the southern cheap water transportation for the iron ore of northern Wisconsin; a distance of about six hundred miles. Coal is a distance of about one hundred miles. Pensacola, like Gary, is located on water, and has water transportation for the iron ore of Cuba; and like Gary, must bring its coal by rail; but when the contemplated waterways improvements are accomplished, Pensacola cheaper water transportation for the heavier of the two, i.e., iron ore.

In order for Pensacola to have the same combination of advantages that Gary has, it would not be sufficient for Pensacola to have water transportation for coal and rail transportation for iron ore, in which case the analogy would fall. In this comparison, the longer haul of iron ore from Cuba, and of coal from the Alabama mines is offset by the advantage of utilizing foreign iron ore. There was imported into the United States during the year ending December 31, 1910, from Cuba, one million four hundred and fifty-one thousand and ninety-six tons of iron ore. The writer is informed that Cuban iron ore is used at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, the ore being shipped to Philadelphia, there transhipped to barges and towed about eighty miles up the Delaware river to Bethlehem. How much easier it would be to load full cargoes in Cuba and discharge at steel works located at deep water on the shores of Pensacola Bay. Limestone enters in a less degree into the manufacture of steel. One third as much limestone as coke is used, and stone formation, and would be avail-

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Pensacola hears a similar economic | deposits are discovered in the interior. Point of Advantage. It is said that Gary, Indiana, is the

most advantageous point in the United States for the manufacture of iron and steel, and the reason that Gary is a better point for this purpose than Birmingham, Ala., Birmingham having all the elements necessary for the manufacture of fron and steel in proximity to each other, and the reason that the United States Steel Corporation is investing one hundred million dollars at shore of Lake Michigan, giving it Gary rather than at Birmingham is. that after the iron and steel is manufactured at Gary, it is then at probably a better point for distribution to brought from southern Illinois by rail, the domestic trade than any other point in the United States: the same reason, in fact, that has made Chicago the great city that it is.

And to prove that the advantages possessed by Pensacola are the same as those possessed by Gary, it is necessary to show that Pensacola is also will have water transportation for its a good distributing point for the coal also. As in the manufacture of manufactured iron and steel, for this iron and steel, but one ton of coal or is the crux of the problem, and is the coke is required to melt two tons of reason that manufacturers import two fron ore, it is necessary to have the tons of fron ore to be manufactured at a good distributing point rather than

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 10TH

Efficiency in play is the keynote of the fifth annual meeting of the Playground Association of America, which is to be held at the New Willard hotel in Washington, D. C., May 10 to

The practical questions confronting those interested in public recreation will be discussed by experts. This year one sixth as much limestone as iron has held four playground institutes in various parts of the country. The anng this year is in the nature of an institute of institutes. There will be no "exhibitions," but children and grown people will actually play the various playground games. There will be one set of games for children under ten; another for girls from ten to fourteen. The games for boys from ten to fourteen will be played by dele-

Experts Themselves to Play. Beorge E. Johnson, of Pittsburg, who has done so much to maintain high standards of playground work in his city, and E. B. De Groot, who has directed development of the wonderful South Park playground system of Chicago, will be captains of the opposing teams which will play volley ball, provides remedies, and in Mother's playground ball and soccer football. Many prominent playground workers "signed" for various teams. have Young women delegates will play volley ball. There will also be folk dancing by delegates under the direction of the chairman of the committee on folk dancing, Mrs. James J. Storrow, of

> What is going to happen when the olayground workers actually begin to play-to practice what they preach!

> Miss Edna V. Fisher, who has been successful in dramatic work in Pittsburg, will conduct a rehearsal before the delegates so that those present can see the aims of the work and understand the method.

> The playground workers on the closing day of the conference will practice various Boy Scout activities.

Street Play. How street play can be made more wholesome and satisfactory will be shown by Madeline L. Stevens, who has had charge of street play in New York. Much of the time at the meetings will be given up to discussions in which many prominent workers will

Mrs. Chas. H. Israel will speak on

Playgrounds in the Country. Play as an Antidote to Civilization is the subject of an address by Jos. Lee, the president of the Playground Association of America. Playgrounds have often been considered a city question. Now the Playground Association of America announces the topic Rural Recreation, with no less a speaker than Prof. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell Univer-

How to Secure the Most Play With the Least Expenditure. The slogan of efficiency in work seems to be giving place somewhat to the cry Efficiency in Life and this accounts for the interest which leads men and women from all parts of the country to come together to consider how they can secure the most play and the most happiness for the epople of their communities with the least

Some of the sessions of the last annual meeting of the Playground Association of America, held at Rochester, N. Y., were attended by over four thou-

"Ferdy struck Cholly with the sugar tongs at the club last night." "Shocking!" "Oh, very. Both were under the influence of strong tea."-Washington

"Does that Mexican general follow the Spanish custom and keep saying 'to_morrow'?" "No; he has improved Interest and Penalties Added on it. He says 'day after to-morrow'."-Washington Star.

Castleton-What, old man! you are not reading the Bible, are you? Sandstone-Yes, I am. Castleton-What for?

Sandstone-One of my relatives sent it to me for a wedding present, and I've got to tell them how I like it-

to export one ton of coal to be used at the iron mines, the mines not possessing this advantage of location. Foreign iron ore has for some time been used in the United States, and

these imports are increasing at a very rapid rate. The amount imported in 1908 was seven hundred and seventysix thousand eight hundred and ninetyeight tons, and for 1910 was two million five hundred and ninety-one thousand and thirty-one tons, and the imports from Cuba have increased from less than six hundred thousand tons in 1908 to nearly one million and a half tons in 1910. While this country has immense beds of iron ore, they are held by large corporations that are anxious to conserve them, as the deposits are not inexhaustible with consumption about thirty million tons per

While the cost of coal at Norfolk and Mobile is less than at Pensacola, the writer is informed that Pensacola is nearer the coal fields of Alabama than Norfolk is to the coal fields of Virginia, and if handled on an equally large scale, could probably be laid down at Pensacola as cheaply as at that port, and being about eight hundred miles nearer Cuba, would give this port an advantage over Norfolk in a shorter haul of Cuban iron ore, and of the finished product when shipped to southern ports.

A Further Reduction. The contemplated canals, when completed, will doubtless further reduce the cost of coal laid down at Pensacola, making this port pre-eminently the best location for such a plant, and increasing her importance as a distributing center.

While Mobile would have a slight advantage over this port in the cost of coal transported by water, our superior harbor and its easier accessibility and abundance of room for the location of such a plant on high ground with deep water would more than off-

For these reasons the writer is impressed by the growing importance of seaports in relation to the manufacture of iron and steel, and of all ports, none in his pointon has as many advantages for this purpose as Pensa-

In the opinion of the writer, the following news item points the way to Pensacola's future greatness:

"The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway has bought 14,000 tons of and 8,000 tons at a seaboard plant for delivery at Gulfport."

This means that 8,000 tons of rails were ordered at a seaboard plant, because from there the rails could be delivered for a part of the line at its gulf terminus, cheaper than from any other plant. The writer knows of no steel plant at the seaboard south of Baltimore. Any railroad having a terminus at the seaboard would rather have a part of its rails and other fron and steel delivered at such a terminus than at any other point, and for delivery at ports on the South Atlantic and Gulf, Pensacola has no superior as a point of distribution, which being true, it has been proven that Pensacola has like advantages as a point for the manufacture of iron and steel to those possessed by Gary, Indiana, and while there advantages may not be in the same degree, they are enough to make Pensacola a center for the manufacture of iron and steel. Pensacola's proximity to the coal fields of Alabama and the iron mines of Cuba makes her an ideal point for this industry. The iron and steel trade of the South Atlantic and Gulf ports belongs naturally to Pensacola. It is her heritage, with which

she has been endowed by nature, by virtue of the advantages above referred to, her geographical position, and her grand harbor.

The exports of manufactures of iron and steel from the United States increase rapidly, being for the year 1910 over two hundred million dollars in value, and some day will doubtless be several times this amount, and as it is obvious that a steel plant located at the seaboard would have the advantage in this trade as a distributing point over any plant not so situated, it is evident that Pensacola has an advantage over most of the points in the United States at which steel plants

Pensacola has always felt that she possessed some points of superiority over other cities, and when asked on what she based her assumption, has referred to her fine harbor, and while present indications seem to show that some large railroad lines are seeking an outlet to the gulf at Pensacola, the writer believes that Pensacola's greatest point of superiority over other localities lies in her advantages as a point for the manufacture of iron and

The Honorable Senator Sagebrush

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Blount sat rocking gently in his pivot chair, fighting once more with the soul nausea which was threatening to overwhelm him.

So Vice President McVickar had deceived him after all, and he was merely a fence put up to screen the chicanery and trickery which were going on just the same as before. More, the vice president had let him stultify himself in a thousand ways. All his brave talk about openness and fair dealing would be set down as mere dust throwing to conceal the workings of a corrupt and criminal machine, grinding away in the background.

And his father-how did he figure in this despicable business? Had he plotted with McVickar to bring his own son to shame merely because that son had refused to be a tool in the hands of the great machine? It was grossly incredible, and yet- Evan Blount remembered that thus far his father had said no word opposing the course he had taken. Could it be possible that a father could become so much the boss as to forget the common ties of kindred?

Blount's mind-but more than his mind, his heart-went groping out in vain reachings for a confidant and an adviser. There was no one to whom he could turn, no one whose conscience was not seared and distorted in the rails, 6,000 to be rolled at Chicago, fires of political partisanship. No one, did he say? Yes; there was one. Patricia would know and understand. He must find her and tell her. But in the interval-

He got up and shut his desk with a slam. The stenographer heard and came to the door of the antercom, notebook and pencil in hand. "Anything to give me before you go away, Mr. Blount?" he asked.

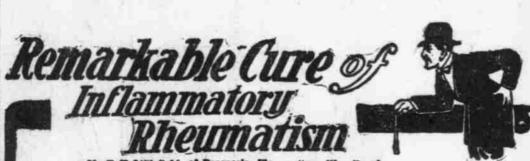
"No!" said Blount almost savagely. Then he reconsidered. "Yes, there is. You may take a message to Mr. McVickar. Are you ready?"

The stenographer nodded. "All right; take this:

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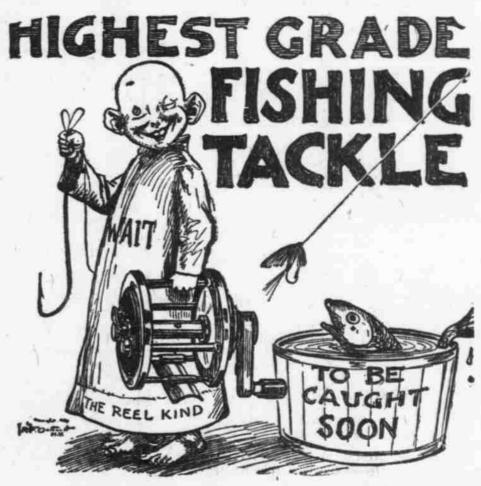
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